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In re application of: Childress et al.

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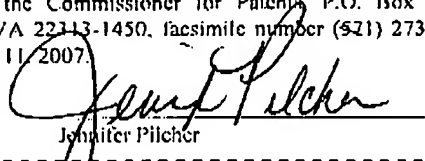
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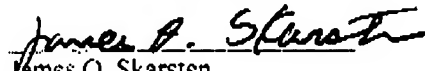
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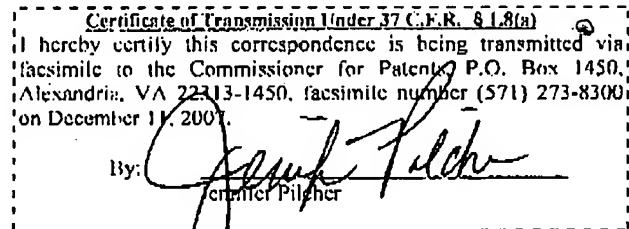
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In re application of: **Childress et al.**Serial No.: **10/809,585**Filed: **March 25, 2004**For: **Method and Apparatus for Volume
Reduction in a Vehicle**§ Confirmation No.: **7113**§ Group Art Unit: **2615**§ Examiner: **Paul, Disler**§ Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920040120US1**

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In response to the Office Action of September 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.